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Mr. Mason,

Current and former strike te= am members included:

LDEQ: Sanford (Sam) Phillips, Lorna Putnam, Nelson Morvant, Larry Kirschner, former member Claudia Hutchi= nson (left LDEQ November 2010, demob'd)

LSU: Ralph Portier SCAT: Jacqui Michel

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Exponent (consultants): &nbs= p;Kirk O'Reilly, Randy O'Boyle, Sungwoo Ahn Contractors: Huey Thom= pson (demob'd Dec 15, 2010), Louis (Bud) Nassans (demob'd lon 31, 2011)

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US Environmental Services (G= CIMT Venice Branch field implementation contractor): Tim Clarke, Tracy Comardelle (demob'd March 2011) Cardno Entrix (GCIMT sampling team coordinator): Chelsea Murphy

The field tests were NOT con= ducted. Based on the RRT decision (Convene #28), we were to wait until ongoing STRs were completed on the proposed field location (Bay Jimmy, Zone J). Field implementation of the STRs were completed on May 27,

2011. SCAT advised a two week period afterwards to determine final conditio= ns prior to implementing the bioremediation field trials. In the mean time, on June 6, 2011, I received a notification of temporary stand down of the BioChem Strike Team while the FOSC re-evaluated the necessity. = ;On June 29, 2011, the FOSC, with acknowledgement from the LA SOSC, and concurr= ence with the GCIMT Environmental Section, disapproved of the field study citing the current condition of relevant shorelines and the duration of the study in relation to any potential applicability to the response.

We did conduct laboratory st= udies at LSU for which I received the draft final report last week. My team is currently reviewing and planning to submit final once the review is completed.

Attached is the FOSC decision memo and draft final lab report.

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We have been asked over and over who is actually on the Strike Team, not just agency affiliation...

Can you provide me a list of the names and agencies...

Also, since the RRT did give approval for the field study for the bioremedi= ation agents, were the field tests conducted...

If so, have the Team issued any type of preliminary or final results...

Thanks for your help on this... Let me know if you need anything from me...=

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Attached are several documents regarding the importance of having the RRT immediately issue the necessary permit for the non-toxic product called OSE II to be implemented as a cleanup tool for BP's Deepwater Horizon oil blow out response. We are not sure everyone received this secti= on of the email, this is to make absolutely sure.

- 1) The first document is the scientific basis and reaso= ning per the Oil Spill Selection Guide, established by Regions III and IV, to immediately approve OSE II for the cleanup response to this spill. <= font size=3D3 face=3D"Times New Roman">
- 2) Several other documents, including correspondence between the OSEI Corporation and the US EPA that clarify concerns that have been expressed and resolved.

This package of information addresses and should fully resolve every possib= le question an RRT official might have regarding this issue. I would appreciate it, if anyone who is associated or a member of the RRT VI who was not emailed this request, the EPA, or Coast Guard member of RRT VI will copy the entirety of this email and its contents to any member not in receipt of this information.

I await your quick response and issuance of the permit to the OSEI Corporation for the application of OSE II on the Deepwater Horizon oil. The Coast Guard has requested its immediate implementation and, with the attached package of information in hand, there is now no viable or scientific reason why it should not be immediately authorized for use.

Sincerely, Steven Pedigo

Faithfully yours Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

Steve Mason, EPA Region 6 (6SF-PE) 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202 214-665-2276 / 214-665-2278 fax

---- Forwarded by S= teve Mason/R6/USEPA/US on 09/28/2011 09:27 AM -----

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To: &n= bsp; "Couch, Joseph" < Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.mil>
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09/16/2011 08:56 AM =

Subject: &nbs= p; Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Sent by: &nbs= p; Edward.J.Cubanski@us= cg.mil

Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwar= ded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review offic= e.

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III Eighth Coast Guard District Incident Management Branch Chief (drm) (work) 504-671-2231 (cell) 314-651-9109 Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil

----Original Message----From: Couch, Joseph

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM

To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT

Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE IIll

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

----Original Message----From: Gunter, Tim LCDR

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM

To: Couch, Joseph Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR

Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully, LCDR Tim Gunter

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CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch
202-372-2264
----Original Message----
From: Bock, Edward CDR
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph;
Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
LCDR Gunter,
Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making
associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they
addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj
Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product
was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take
shape within the week.
Thank you,
Commander Ed Bock
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief
Commandant (CG-5332)
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363
Washington, DC 20593-7363
phone: (202) 372-2234
----Original Message----
From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
John,
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to
gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.
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                          Stewart, Bion CDR
Cc:
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Subject:
BCST related to OSE II]]
CAPT Caplis and Ed,
Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.
NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana
Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-br= ief
among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.<=
br>
V/R,
John
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From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM
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To: Bock, Edward CDR Cc: Luce, John CDR

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Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE IIll
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Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisio= ns during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

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----Original Message----
From: Luce, John CDR
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Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM

To: Caplis, John CAPT

t, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]] Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewar=

CAPT,

Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery techn= ology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.

V/R,

John

----Original Message----From: Stewart, Bion CDR

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM

To: Luce, John CDR

Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart Coast Guard Liaison U.S. House of Representatives Rayburn House Office Building, B320 w: 202-225-4775 f: 202-426-6081

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From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa= .gov l

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM

To: Stewart, Bion CDR Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Carolyn Levine

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs

(202) 564-1859

FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM ----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil

Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

Carolyn Levine

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----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: ----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA,

bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil

<Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>

From: Michael Jarvis

Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about

RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

House Science Committee,
Majority Staff and wanted to
sent to our NOAA Scientific
LA, who subsequently shared
has reached out to either of
might like a heads up. We're
here to do this briefing, but if
please let me know and we can
this up relatively soon, if at
little while ago.

We received this briefing request from the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee send this along to you as an FYI. It was Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, it with me. I don't know if the Committee your respective agencies, but thought you working to see who would be best person USCG or EPA has interest in participating, coordinate accordingly. We hope to set all possible, since the request came in a

Thanks, Mike

Michael G. Jarvis

Congressional Affairs Specialist Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

National Oceanic and Atmospheric

1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 5224 Washington, DC 20230 E-mail: michael.jarvis@noaa.gov Office: 202-482-3595

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Mike.

Do you have to to talk about this. Please

time. Thanks,

Charlie

(206) 849-9928, cell

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this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance? Thanks,

Rai (202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM
To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'

Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry, My name is Raj Bharwani and I work in DC for the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

My colleagues and I have had a few conversations with Steve Pedigo, CEO of OSEI, Inc. He has expressed some concerns about his company's product OSE II not being selected to help clean up oil from last year's Gulf explosion from marsh and land areas in Louisiana. I understand that as a member of RRT VI you objected to OSE II being approved for field testing, as propo= sed by the BCST.

Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and I? I'm out on Monday, but would be available Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any time

> Thanks, Rai (202) 226-3096

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CAPT,  \begin{tabular}{ll} Thanks for the reply. With your permission, I'll pass this on to CG-533. \end{tabular}
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----Original Message----
From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:57 AM
To: Couch, Joseph
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov; Hein, Julia CAPT; Walker, Samuel CAPT; Ragan Broyles; staves.james@epa.gov;
Troedsson, Peter CAPT
Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]
Good Morning,
Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case
like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in
40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be
added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwar= ded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review offic= e.
Respectfully,
CAPT Ed Cubanski, III
Eighth Coast Guard District
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)
(work) 504-671-2231
(cell) 314-651-9109
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil
----Original Message----
From: Couch, Joseph
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
CAPT,
Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why
RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during
the DWI spill.
I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in
the near future.
Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case
you have questions/concerns.
v/r,
Joe
----Original Message----
From: Gunter, Tim LCDR
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM
To: Couch, Joseph
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
Joe,
Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.
Thanks!
Tim
Very Respectfully,
LCDR Tim Gunter
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch
202-372-2264
----Original Message----
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From: Bock, Edward CDR
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph;
Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
LCDR Gunter,
Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making
associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they
addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj
Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product
was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take
shape within the week.
Thank you,
Commander Ed Bock
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief Commandant (CG-5332)
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363
Washington, DC 20593-7363
phone: (202) 372-2234
----Original Message----
From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
John,
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to
gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.
Sent with Good (<a href="www.g= ood.com">www.g= ood.com</a>)
----Original Message----
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Sent:
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                       Stewart, Bion CDR
RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and
Cc:
Subject:
BCST related to OSE II]]
CAPT Caplis and Ed,
Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.
NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana
Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking
for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-br= ief
among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.<=
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V/R.
John
----Original Message----
From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM
To: Bock, Edward CDR
Cc: Luce, John CDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
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Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs.

Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisio= ns during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data?

----Original Message----From: Luce, John CDR Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM To: Caplis, John CAPT Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewar= t, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]] CAPT, Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery techn= ology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one. V/R, John ----Original Message----From: Stewart, Bion CDR Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM To: Luce, John CDR Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]] John, I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommitt= ee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know. Thanks. Bion CDR Bion Stewart Coast Guard Liaison U.S. House of Representatives Rayburn House Office Building, B320 w: 202-225-4775 f: 202-426-6081 ----Original Message----From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa= .govl Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM To: Stewart, Bion CDR Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Carolyn Levine

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs

(202) 564-1859FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM ----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil

Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE IIll

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

Carolyn Levine U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs (202) 564-1859 FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: ----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, bion.b.stewary@uscq.mil From: Michael Jarvis

<Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about

RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

House Science Committee, Majority Staff and wanted to sent to our NOAA Scientific LA, who subsequently shared has reached out to either of might like a heads up. We're here to do this briefing, but if please let me know and we can this up relatively soon, if at little while ago.

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee send this along to you as an FYI. Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, it with me. I don't know if the Committee your respective agencies, but thought you working to see who would be best person USCG or EPA has interest in participating, coordinate accordingly. We hope to set all possible, since the request came in a

Thanks, Mike

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Mike.

Do you have to to talk about this. Please

simply call my cell at any

time. Thanks,

Charlie

(206) 849-9928, cell

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Good Morning,
Perfect - thanks for the details. Let's see if this issue can be put to rest......but, to quote CAPT Hanzalik, "I doubt it."
Respectfully,
CAPT Ed Cubanski, III
Eighth Coast Guard District
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)
(work) 504-67\bar{1}-2231
(cell) 314-651-9109
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil
----Original Message----
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From: Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov]
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Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:52 AM

To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT

Cc: staves.james@epa.gov; Ragan Broyles

Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Fd...

OSE II is on the NCP product schedule...

The issue came down to that the OSC never did officially ask for RRT concur= rence to use the product during the response (other than the tests)....

EPA responded to the letter from OSE II ... I am attaching an electronic version of our response

Faithfully yours

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

Steve Mason, EPA Region 6 (6SF-PE) 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202 214-665-2276 / 214-665-2278 fax

"Cubanski, Edward CAPT" < Edwa = rd.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil> From:

To: "Couch, Joseph" <Joseph.E.Couch= @uscg.mil>

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09/16/2011 08:56 AM Date:

Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]] Subject:

Sent by: Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil

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Good Morning,

Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in 40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwar= ded the information to either the EPA "product schedule" review offic= e.

Respectfully,

CAPT Ed Cubanski, III Eighth Coast Guard District Incident Management Branch Chief (drm) (work) 504-671-2231 (cell) 314-651-9109 Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil

----Original Message----

From: Couch, Joseph

Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM

To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT

Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

CAPT,

Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

----Original Message----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM

To: Couch, Joseph

Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to

OSE IIll

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully, LCDR Tim Gunter CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division

MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch 202-372-2264

----Original Message----

From: Bock, Edward CDR

Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM

To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph;

Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE IIll

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock

Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief Commandant (CG-5332)

Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363 Washington, DC 20593-7363

phone: (202) 372-2234

----Original Message----

From: Caplis, John CAPT

Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR

Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert

Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.

Sent with Good (www.q= ood.com) ----Original Message----Luce, John CDR Thursday, September 08, 2011 03:58 PM Eastern Standard Sent: Time To: Caplis, John CAPT; Bock, Edward CDR Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]] CAPT Caplis and Ed, Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG. NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-br= ief among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff. <= hr> V/R, John ----Original Message----From: Caplis, John CAPT Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM To: Bock, Edward CDR Cc: Luce, John CDR Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE IIll Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisio= ns during DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with providing us with the data? ----Original Message----From: Luce, John CDR Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM To: Caplis, John CAPT Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewar= t, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE IIll CAPT, Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one. V/R, John ----Original Message----From: Stewart, Bion CDR Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM To: Luce, John CDR Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR

Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to

John,

OSE II]]

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommitt= ee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

CDR Bion Stewart Coast Guard Liaison U.S. House of Representatives Rayburn House Office Building, B320 w: 202-225-4775 f: 202-426-6081

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From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa= .gov

<mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM

To: Stewart, Bion CDR Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to

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Carolyn Levine

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs (202) 564-1859

FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM ----

To: Michael.Jarvis@= noaa.gov From: Carolyn Levin= e/DC/USEPA/US Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM

Cc: bion.b.stewary@= uscg.mil
Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwardi= ng this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congress= man was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need somethi= ng with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decis= ion) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremed= iation "intervention."

Carolyn Levine U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs (202) 564-1859 FAX: (202) 501-1550=

----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: ----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EP= A,

bion.b.stewary@uscq.mil

Jarvis@noaa.gov>

From: Michael Jarvis <Michael.=

Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT

VI and BCST related to OSE IIll

House Science Committee,
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has reached out to either of
might like a heads up. We're
to do this briefing, but if
please let me know and we can
up relatively soon, if at
little while ago.

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

We received this briefing request from the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee send this along to you as an FYI. It was Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, it with me. I don't know if the Committee your respective agencies, but thought you working to see who would be best person here USCG or EPA has interest in parti= cipating, coordinate accordingly. We hope to set this all possible, since the request came in a

Thanks, Mike

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Michael G. Jarvis Congressional Affairs Specialist<= br> Office of Legislative and Intergo= vernmental

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Dear Mr. Henry,

I wanted to follow up on my previ= ous email (see below) to inquire about the possibility of scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance? Thanks,

Raj

(202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM

To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'

Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry, My name is Raj Bharwani and I work in DC for $\,$ the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

My colleagues and I have had a few conversations with Steve Pedigo, CEO of OSEI, Inc. He has expressed some concerns about his company's product OSE II not being selected to help clean up oil from last year's Gulf explosion from marsh and land areas in Louisiana. I understand that as a member of RRT VI you objected to OSE II being approved for field testing, as proposed by the BCST.

Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and I? I'm out on Monday, but would be available Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any time then?

Thanks,

Raj

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Subject: &nbs= p;
                         RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II
- RRT 6 Response Letter
Sent by:
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                         Edward.J.Cubanski@us= cg.mil
Good Morning,
I was wrong - the OSE II product was on the schedule, but bioremediation was
never requested by the FOSC. The RRT sent the company a letter (attached)
this summer responding to their July 2011 letter. Please let me know if you
have any questions.
Respectfully,
CAPT Ed Cubanski, III
Eighth Coast Guard District
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)
(work) 504-671-2231
(cell) 314-651-9109
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil
----Original Message----
From: Couch, Joseph
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:59 AM To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; 'Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.go=
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Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]
Thanks for the reply. With your permission, I'll pass this on to CG-533.
Joe
----Original Message----
From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:57 AM
To: Couch, Joseph
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James; Mason.Steve@epamail.epa.gov;
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Subject: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]
Good Morning,
Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case
like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in
40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be
added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwar= ded the
information to either the EPA "product schedule" review offic= e.
Respectfully,
CAPT Ed Cubanski, III
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Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil
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Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
CAPT,
Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why
RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during
the DWI spill.
I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems
a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in
the near future.
Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case
you have questions/concerns.
v/r,
Joe
----Original Message----
From: Gunter, Tim LCDR
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM
To: Couch, Joseph
Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.
Thanks!
Tim
Very Respectfully,
LCDR Tim Gunter
CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division
MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch
202-372-2264
----Original Message----
From: Bock, Edward CDR
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT
Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
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OSE II]]
LCDR Gunter,
Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they
addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj
Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product
was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take
shape within the week.
Thank you,
Commander Ed Bock
Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief
Commandant (CG-5332)
Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363
Washington, DC 20593-7363
phone: (202) 372-2234
----Original Message----
From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM
To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR
Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert
Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
John.
You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to
gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.
Sent with Good (<u>www.g= ood.com</u>)
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To:
                         Stewart, Bion CDR
RE: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and
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Subject:
BCST related to OSE II]]
CAPT Caplis and Ed,
Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.
NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana
Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-br= ief
among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.<=
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V/R,
John
----Original Message----
From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM
To: Bock, Edward CDR
Cc: Luce, John CDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
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Ed,
Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs.
Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisio= ns during
DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with
providing us with the data?

----Original Message----From: Luce, John CDR Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM To: Caplis, John CAPT Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewar= t, Bion CDR; Pond, Robert; Bock, Edward CDR; Miller, Eric CDR Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]] CAPT, Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery technology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief - sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one. V/R, John ----Original Message----From: Stewart, Bion CDR Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM To: Luce, John CDR Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE IIll John, I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommitt= ee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know. Thanks. Bion

CDR Bion Stewart Coast Guard Liaison U.S. House of Representatives Rayburn House Office Building, B320 w: 202-225-4775 f: 202-426-6081

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From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa= .govl

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM

To: Stewart, Bion CDR Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Carolyn Levine

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs

(202) 564-1859

FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM ----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil

Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE IIll

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

Carolyn Levine

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs (202) 564-1859 FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: ----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA,

bion.b.stewary@uscq.mil

<Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>

From: Michael Jarvis

Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about

RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

House Science Committee, Majority Staff and wanted to sent to our NOAA Scientific LA, who subsequently shared has reached out to either of might like a heads up. We're here to do this briefing, but if please let me know and we can this up relatively soon, if at little while ago.

We received this briefing request from the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee send this along to you as an FYI. Support Coordinator located in New Orleans, it with me. I don't know if the Committee your respective agencies, but thought you working to see who would be best person USCG or EPA has interest in participating, coordinate accordingly. We hope to set all possible, since the request came in a

Thanks, Mike

Michael G. Jarvis Congressional Affairs Specialist Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental

Affairs National Oceanic and Atmospheric

> 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 5224 Washington, DC 20230 E-mail: michael.jarvis@noaa.gov Office: 202-482-3595

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                                      Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM
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                                      Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST
related to OSE II
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Subject: &nbs= p;
RRT 6 Response Letter
Sent by: &nbs= p;
                     Joseph.E.Couch@uscg.= mil
CAPT,
This is great feedback.....Makes perfect sense to me. I'll forward to CG-
533.
Joe
----Original Message----
From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Couch, Joseph
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Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II - RRT 6
Response Letter
Good Morning,
I was wrong - the OSE II product was on the schedule, but bioremediation was
never requested by the FOSC. The RRT sent the company a letter (attached)
this summer responding to their July 2011 letter. Please let me know if you
have any questions.
Respectfully,
CAPT Ed Cubanski, III
Eighth Coast Guard District
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)
(work) 504-671-2231
(cell) 314-651-9109
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscg.mil
----Original Message----
From: Couch, Joseph
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:59 AM
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Subject: RE: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]
CAPT,
Thanks for the reply. With your permission, I'll pass this on to CG-533.
Joe
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From: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 9:57 AM
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Good Morning,
Thanks for the note. We'll research a bit more, but I'm sure in this case
like many of the others, the company didn't follow the procedures in
40CFR300.920(b) to send the information to the EPA for the product to be added to the schedule. I'm not sure in this case if the RRT forwar= ded the
information to either the EPA "product schedule" review offic= e.
Respectfully,
CAPT Ed Cubanski, III
Eighth Coast Guard District
Incident Management Branch Chief (drm)
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(cell) 314-651-9109
Edward.J.Cubanski@uscq.mil
----Original Message----
From: Couch, Joseph
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Cubanski, Edward CAPT
Cc: Buckley, Christopher LT; Obernesser, James
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
CAPT,
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Did you see this email? CG-533 is requesting D8 obtain information on why RRT VI decided not to use a vendor-provided bioremediation product during the DWI spill.

I'm not sure your staff has full visibility of this RFI. However, it seems a future congressional inquiry may want the CG to address this concern in the near future.

Appreciate any help with this RFI. LCDR Tim Gunter is POC at CG-533 in case you have questions/concerns.

v/r,

Joe

----Original Message----

From: Gunter, Tim LCDR Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:54 AM

To: Couch, Joseph Cc: Gunter, Tim LCDR

Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

Joe,

Could you please contact D8 regarding CDR Bock's request below.

Thanks!

Tim

Very Respectfully, LCDR Tim Gunter CG-5332 Oil and Hazmat Division MER Doctrine and Response Support Branch 202-372-2264

----Original Message----

From: Bock, Edward CDR

Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2011 10:20 AM

To: Gunter, Tim LCDR; Nail, Phillip LT

Cc: Caplis, John CAPT; Pond, Robert; Pearson, Steven CDR; Couch, Joseph; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Luce, John CDR Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

LCDR Gunter,

Please send an RFI out to D8 via LANT regarding RRT VI's decision making associated with the congressional staff inquiry below. I'm certain they addressed it appropriately. A vendor asked committee staff (Mr. Raj Bharwani of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight) to look into why their bioremediation product was not used during the DWH spill. No deadline ATT but expect this to take shape within the week.

Thank you,

Commander Ed Bock

Oil & Hazardous Substances Division Chief Commandant (CG-5332) Attn: Office of Incident Management & Preparedness U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd St SW Stop 7363 Washington, DC 20593-7363 phone: (202) 372-2234

----Original Message----

From: Caplis, John CAPT

Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 7:53 PM

To: Luce, John CDR; Bock, Edward CDR

Cc: Stewart, Bion CDR; Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pond, Robert Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

John,

You can put me on the list. We will have to send out some rfi's to D8 to gather up facts on cg decisionmaking downrange.

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From:
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                       Stewart, Bion CDR
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Subject:
BCST related to OSE II]]
CAPT Caplis and Ed,
Looks like this briefing is forming up to include CG.
NOAA has lined up Dave Westerholm (NOAA/OR&RDirector) and EPA has Dana
Tulis, Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Management. They are asking for USCG participation as well and are looking to nail down a pre-br= ief
among NOAA-EPA-USCG and then a date and time with the House Science staff.<=
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V/R,
John
----Original Message----
From: Caplis, John CAPT
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:03 AM
To: Bock, Edward CDR
Cc: Luce, John CDR
Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE IIll
Do you think we should jump onto this brief or let NOAA address as our SSCs. Its specific to RRT VI actions regarding bioremediation decisio= ns during
DWH. If we do, should we have a RRT VI rep participate, or task them with
providing us with the data?
----Original Message----
From: Luce, John CDR
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:30 AM
To: Caplis, John CAPT
Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR; Stewar=
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Subject: RE: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to
OSE II]]
CAPT,
Looks like NOAA is looking at a potential brief on oil spill recovery techn=
ology. I don't believe a date has been set, but in the interim can 533 reach
out to NOAA (POC is Michael Jarvis) regarding CG participation in the brief
- sounds like we would want to be at the table for this one.
V/R,
John
----Original Message----
From: Stewart, Bion CDR
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 8:26 AM
To: Luce, John CDR
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Cc: Lake, Matthew CDR; Krolman, Walter LT; Morrison, Stephanie LCDR

Subject: FW: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to

John,

OSE II]]

I'm guessing this one is in your lane. No timeline right now and this wasn't a direct request to the CG, but recommend the program reach out to Michael Jarvis at NOAA regarding a possible oil spill recovery technology briefing requested by the Science Committee, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Majority Staff. NOAA wants to make sure all stakeholders are at the table for the briefing and we have some equities in this lane as you well know.

Thanks.

Bion

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Coast Guard Liaison
U.S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building, B320
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----Original Message----

From: Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epamail.epa=

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Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 6:14 PM

To: Stewart, Bion CDR

Subject: Fw: Re: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST related to

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Carolyn Levine

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs

(202) 564-1859 FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Forwarded by Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US on 09/01/2011 06:13PM ----

To: Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov From: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US Date: 09/01/2011 06:11PM Cc: bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil

Subject: Re: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE II]]

Thanks for forwarding this Michael. EPA similarly briefed Congressman Franks about OSE II a few months ago (they contacted him as well). We could definitely participate in a briefing. The main response we provided the Congressman was that because the Gulf of Mexico is nutrient rich, we don't need something with nutrients or other agents to stimulate bioremediation. We also told him that the field test for the OSE products that were to be tested was recently canceled (as Raj noted) by the FOSC (implementing RRT VI decision) because natural bioremediation was already occurring and weighed in as providing a greater environmental benefit than would a more active bioremediation "intervention."

Carolyn Levine U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs (202) 564-1859 FAX: (202) 501-1550

----Michael Jarvis <Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov> wrote: ----

To: Carolyn Levine/DC/USEPA/US@EPA,

bion.b.stewary@uscg.mil

From: Michael Jarvis

<Michael.Jarvis@noaa.gov>

Date: 09/01/2011 04:18PM

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Re: Questions about

RRT VI and BCST related to OSE II]]

House Science Committee,
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might like a heads up. We're
here to do this briefing, but if
please let me know and we can
this up relatively soon, if at
little while ago.

all possible, since the request came in a

Thanks, Mike

Michael G. Jarvis Congressional Affairs Specialist Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental

We received this briefing request from the

Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee

Support Coordinator located in New Orleans,

it with me. I don't know if the Committee

your respective agencies, but thought you

USCG or EPA has interest in participating,

working to see who would be best person

coordinate accordingly. We hope to set

send this along to you as an FYI.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric

1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 5224 Washington, DC 20230 E-mail: michael.jarvis@noaa.gov

Office: 202-482-3595

Hi Carolyn and Bion,

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Dear Mr. Henry

I wanted to follow up on my previous e-mail (see below) to inquire about the possibility of scheduling a time to discuss this matter. Could you give me a call when you have a chance?

Thanks, Rai

(202) 226-3096

From: Bharwani, Rajesh

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:35 PM

To: 'charlie.henry@noaa.gov'

Subject: Questions about RRT VI and BCST

related to OSE II

Dear Mr. Henry, My name is Raj Bharwani and I work in DC $\,$ for the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight.

My colleagues and I have had a few conversations with Steve Pedigo, CEO of OSEI, Inc. He has expressed some concerns about his company's product OSE II not being selected to help clean up oil from last year's Gulf explosion from marsh and land areas in Louisiana. I understand that as a member of RRT VI you objected to OSE II being approved for field testing, as propo= sed by the BCST.

Would you have about 30 minutes or so to chat about this matter next week with my colleagues and I? I'm out on Monday, but would be available Tuesday or Wednesday if you have any time then?

Thanks,

Rai

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